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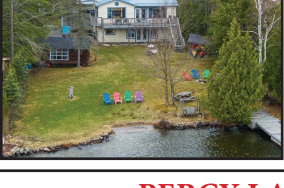
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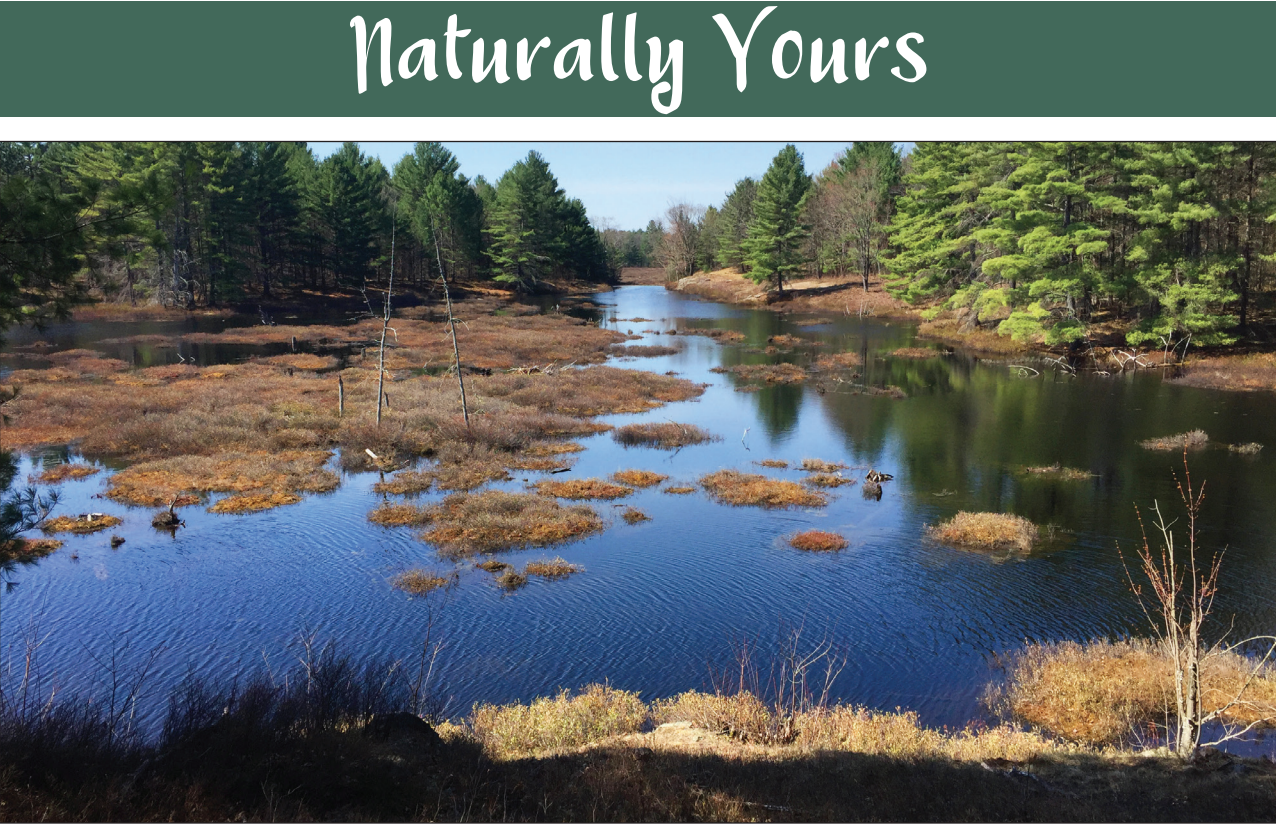
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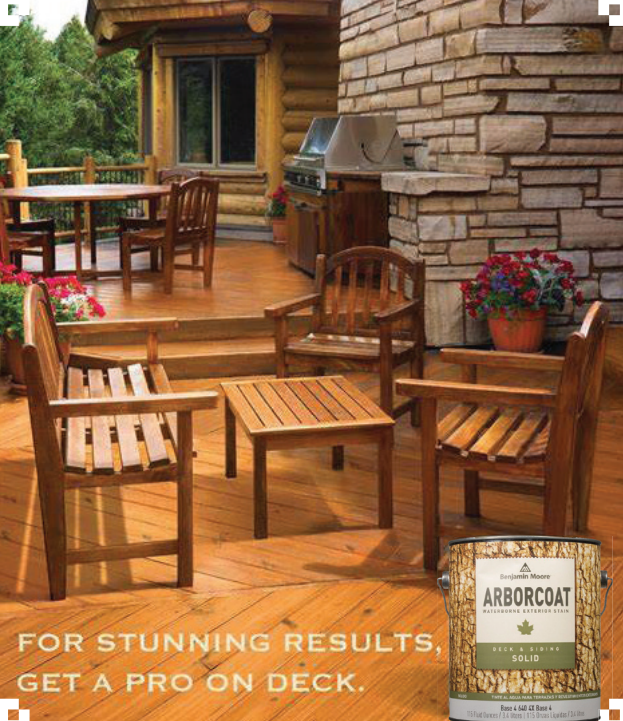
A loop trail with all the fixings

RICK WHITTEKER
Special to *County Life*

If you are looking for a looped hiking trail that checks off all the boxes, I have a suggestion. Moderate terrain, lakeside vistas, mature forest, well marked trails with optional routes are all available at the Fire Tower Trail in Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park. South of Minden, the trailhead is on Devil's Lake Road off Deep Bay Road. You will see trailhead signage on your left shortly after turning on to Devil's Lake Road. This 1.7-kilometre loop hike has great variety to it. Soon after setting off, the trail forks, take the left trail and hike clockwise around the loop. The trail steadily climbs through a wonderful mixed hardwood forest. Orange trail markers will help keep you on track. After about 500 metres, there is a side trail to Crane Lake,

well worth the effort. Approaching Crane Lake on this early spring hike, a chorus of peeps greeted me. An active spring caller until the end of May, this short spurt of Spring Peeper calls announced to all that something big has arrived so be aware! After this brief flurry, I didn't hear another peep out of them during my visit to Crane Lake! There are three trails with views of the lake. Two drop down to the water's edge allowing for a terrific opportunity to view Picture Plants along the tangled shoreline vegetation. These insectivorous plants have adapted to this low nutrient, acidic environment, addressing this nourishment deficiency by obtaining nutrients from their insect prey. With leaves that have evolved to grow into an open-mouthed, vessel-shaped "pictures," this burgundy plant secretes a sweet nectar that attracts insects to its

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slippery rim. Once insects slip into the plant, the pooled rainwater and downward angled hairs along the inside walls of the plant keep the insects from escaping. Digestive enzymes in the water quickly dissolve the doomed prey, making nutrients available for the plant to use.

From the lake vistas, beaver activity is evident and a nesting box mounted on a tree across the lake offers free accommodation to Wood Ducks. A shallow lake, mats of Sphagnum moss have created lush islands of vegetation covered by Leatherleaf shrubs and White Pine saplings. Mature pines grow around the whole lake's perimeter like a natural picture frame.

Spotted on these spongy islands, wet dark disks sparkled in the sun like shards of mica in shoreline sand. Wet turtle shells glistened in the sunlight, as these cold-blooded reptiles basked in the early spring heat after a long winter of dormancy. Without binoculars, I could easily see at least six turtles (species unknown) sunning themselves on dead heads and moss mats.

Back on the trail heading north to the main loop and still walking clockwise, hikers soon view an interesting interpretive display about a fire tower that once stood at this height of land. Finding the "still alive" Red Oak tree in the display's historical photo will test your tree identification and spatial orientation abilities.

All that now remains of the tower are five concrete footings on a slab of granite.

The terrain on the back half of the Fire Tower Trail is more rugged. It dips and dives and bobs and weaves through forest valleys and over creeks. Recently two areas have been rerouted to avoid steep declines and inclines. Rope railings keep hikers from veering off course where the trail has been diverted to make it more hiker friendly. Creek crossings have basic board bridges allowing feet to stay dry.

This loop trail shares the last six hundred meters with the wilderness section of the Ganaraska Trail. If more trail time is desired, hikers can take the rugged Ganaraska Trail heading to Sheldon Lake to extend the day or they can stay on the loop trail back to their vehicle. This intersection is well sign posted to help hikers avoid turning the wrong way.

The Fire Tower Trail in QE II is a sweet little one-hour loop offering a plate full of nature and physical activity with a side dish of human history. Options include hiking out and back to Crane Lake, the full loop or extend your hike to Sheldon Lake. There is a hike matching all interests and tastes for nature, exercise and fresh air in this corner of QE II Wildlands Park.

Orange trail markers give hikers confidence they are on the right trail.
/Rick Whitteker



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'How do I ask? What do I say?'

Preparing for difficult conversations

Valuable lessons on having good conversations with people struggling with, or in recovery, from mental health, addiction, trauma and other issues were learned in the first session of a new community education series on April 18. The session, entitled "Difficult Conversations," was hosted by the Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use Working group and facilitated by Tom Regehr.

Regehr, a person with lived experience, Executive Director of the CAST Projects, and consultant with the Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use working group, uses the concept of 'Coming Full Circle' to represent the creation of a complete circle that includes the voice of those reaching out, those still suffering who do not normally have a voice, and creating a healthy, interactive relationship with residents and service providers.

Regehr recently led an online session on how to navigate difficult conversations when engaging people with lived experience.

Tom offered the following tips for service providers and others engaging with someone with lived experience:

Set the stage well. Let the person know why you are asking, and that all answers are voluntary. Let them know where their words and ideas will go and who it will help.

Try to ask broad questions. Let the person reflect on the idea you are interested

in instead of asking detailed questions. This allows the person to flow from their own place, in their own language.

Avoid apologizing, being patronizing, and using vocabulary or acronyms they may not know.

Don't be afraid to show some vulnerability. When you do not know or understand something, say so gently, ask for help.

Silence can be a good thing; it gives people space to reflect and think about what is next for them. It can be hard for you! Watch body language here - yours and theirs.

If someone gets emotional after being asked a question or during a conversation, that's not necessarily a bad thing. It can be a release or a 'healing jag'. Don't try to stop it - give the person space, some gentle acknowledgement and let them explain on their own time if they can.

Assume nothing: be curious. The best way to know something is to respectfully ask questions. Authentically trying to understand someone nurtures their soul.

Lastly, when an idea or goal is identified, ask if the wording you wrote down makes sense - this fine tuning is critical for healthy communication.

"There is always time to sit with an idea and explore it more," said Regehr. "If you do this well and thoroughly, the answer to the question, the gold nugget of wisdom will surface by itself."

For more information about the full

circle process or Tom's VOICE sessions in Haliburton County, contact Tom at voice@thecastprojects.ca.

To register for the community education series, email erinc@pointintime.ca. The next events are scheduled for May 16 (online) and June 27 (in person). Registration for these events is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-

based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use working group sincerely thanks United Way and the Haliburton County Development Corporation for their support to continue this important community work.

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Editorial

The 24th of May

KATE BUTLER

Special to *County Life*

IT'S THAT most confusing time of year, at least for anyone new to the Canadian calendar. Yes, this year the 24th of May weekend will end on May 22nd! The date means so much to the Canadian psyche, since it marks the unofficial start to summer and the traditional beginning of cottage season. At its core however, it's rooted in a birthday celebration – that of Queen Victoria. Victoria was born on May 24, 1819, which accounts for the reason why the holiday is still referred to as the 24th of May and, in fact, originally the holiday was marked only on that date, meaning it might fall on any day of the week, just as Canada Day does. It was only the desire for a long weekend that eventually led to the quirky situation we have today.

There have been reams upon reams written about Queen Victoria, her life and her complex legacy, which is hardly surprising, considering she reigned for over 63 years, a record which would only be surpassed by her great-great-granddaughter, Elizabeth. When Victoria came to the throne, it was less than one month after her 18th birthday. At first glance, it seems surprising that she would come to the throne at all. She was the only child of Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent, who was the fourth son of George III. When born, she was fifth in line to the throne, but she would eventually become queen on the death



of her uncle, William IV. William was survived by eight children, born during his longstanding relationship with actress Dorothea Jordan, but as the pair had never married, none of those children could ascend to the throne. Some sources say that William was determined to live until Victoria was eighteen, so that there was no chance her mother, Charlotte, might have had the opportunity to rule as regent for her daughter. By all accounts, Victoria and her mother had a complicated relationship. Charlotte was extremely protective and quite controlling, isolating her daughter from other children and recording details of her interactions with others. When Victoria became queen, did she feel a sense of

triumph, of trepidation or did she simply wish to be able to run away from it all? She would, of course, go on to become known as the 'grandmother of Europe' and have an entire era named for her.

Though she may have been an ocean away, Victoria was an ever-present figurehead in 19th century Haliburton County. Many Canadians, at the time, considered her to be the 'Mother of Confederation' and felt that an enduring link with Britain and its monarchy was what helped to distinguish Canadians from their American neighbours. Even events which at first glance seemed to have little to do with the queen, such as a picnic to organize a local agricultural society, could not be deemed complete until three cheers for the monarch had been sounded. Those who arrived in Haliburton who had any connection to the Victoria and her family, however fleeting, were practically regarded as royalty by association.

A great deal has changed since the Victorian era, and one wonders what Victoria might have made of the traditions that are now associated with what was originally her birthday weekend. Heated discussions about the best way to install a dock? Garden clean-up? Tune-ups on the boat? The hunt for bug jackets? Or how about her birthday being associated with the number of cans in a case of beer? However you choose to mark this start to the summer season, I hope that your long weekend is happy, safe and fun!

Top 10 indicators the black flies are back

WELL, THEY'RE back. The black flies have returned for yet another spring. Those of us who have experienced this before recognized their arrival right away. But, if you are new to black fly country, you might need a few hints.

So here are the top 10 indicators that the black flies are back.



STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Everyone suddenly looks grainy.
2. The blood bank urges you to make a withdrawal.
3. You have at least one in each ear.
4. The local flycatchers couldn't eat another bite.
5. Dragonflies are high fiving each other.
6. Someone announced "The black flies are ba.." and then began choking.
7. You forgot your bug jacket and repellent in the car.
8. The pepper on your sandwich is moving.
9. You are very grateful when someone slaps you.
10. You suddenly prefer the company of frogs.

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Last night, although the clouds denied
Our access to a promised shower
Of meteors all gasified
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Of bigger things, of midnight hour

Tonight an owl and wolf both spoke
Their language to the shadow air
Where living sky holds light and smoke
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And I not sleeping, brain awake
By open window, chill sifts in
Yet not to miss my double-take
When secrets of the stars begin
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So deer can tiptoe, browse away
They too this aura quite adore
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By Deborah J Reed



Jamming at The Music Room
Singer-songwriter Marshall Dane performed at a sold-out house on Saturday, May 6 in Haliburton at the newly minted The Music Room at the Castle. Dane rocked the house with a two-set performance, playing his hit tunes and some cover songs. /ADAM FRISK Special to County Life



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Former Reeve of the Township of Dysart et al Murray Fearrey, now Mayor of the Municipality, cuts the ribbon to open the Highlands Home and Vacation Show (now known as the Home and Cottage Show) in 1977. /FILE

Home and Cottage Show to have 'something for everyone'

VIVIAN COLLINGS

County Life Editor

The Home and Cottage Show is a familiar name in Haliburton County.

The longstanding, popular, family tradition is gearing up for its 44th year, with new, never-before-seen additions.

With 170 exhibitor booths lining the inside of both the Haliburton Curling Club and the AJ LaRue Arena, new events, and exciting prizes to be won, visitors of all ages can attend from Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 4 to cater to their personal interests.

"Plans are underway for one of our most exciting and interesting shows ever," said Haliburton Home and Cottage Show co-director Andy Glecoff. "The show gives our exhibitors a chance to showcase their business to the community, and the show gives our visitors a chance to meet local businesses and be made aware of services available in the community."

The 20,000 square foot show will be a one-stop event with nearly 200 booths housing decor, furniture, appliances, docks, decks, hot tubs, arts, crafts, clothing, gifts, beauty products, cars, trucks, and HVAC, landscaping, construction, real estate, alternate energy professionals, and more.

"The whole show is conducive to home and cottage. There's such an assortment in the show that there are services that can benefit full-time and seasonal residents as well as visitors of the county," Glecoff said.

In such an involved and generous community, it may come as no surprise that the entire show is run by volunteers.

"There's over 150 volunteers that run this show. It's a not-for-profit event, and

it supports the community curling programs. We've been very successful with them. Our youth program is outstanding," Glecoff said, listing the names of successful curlers who went on to win provincial and national titles after getting their start at the Haliburton Curling Club.

One of the main features this year will be a first-ever special guest appearance.

Gold medal Canadian Paralympic curler Mark Ideson will be attending the show to meet visitors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3.

In addition to businesses, the Home and Cottage Show is providing space for local community service groups.

"There are about 17 in the show right now, and they have a chance to meet with the community and explain what they do," Glecoff said.

Food will be available at the licensed Haliburton Curling Club lounge.

Even four-legged family members can get in on the fun.

Returning by popular demand is the doggy daycare put on by Emily Packer of Tails and Trails and Allison Wells of I Love Your Dog.

Free hearing tests are available from Hear Canada and guests can sit and relax in Utopia's massage chairs.

Don't forget to fill in a ballot at the curling club booth for the chance to win a weekend getaway for two at Buttermilk Falls Resort, a wooden paddle and two rental vouchers from Algonquin Outfitters, or a patio fire pit from Glecoff's Family Store.

Admission is \$3 per adult and free for children. Overflow parking has been arranged with nearby property owners.

Watch for more on the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show in upcoming editions of the Echo.



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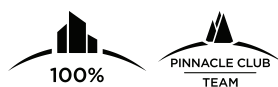
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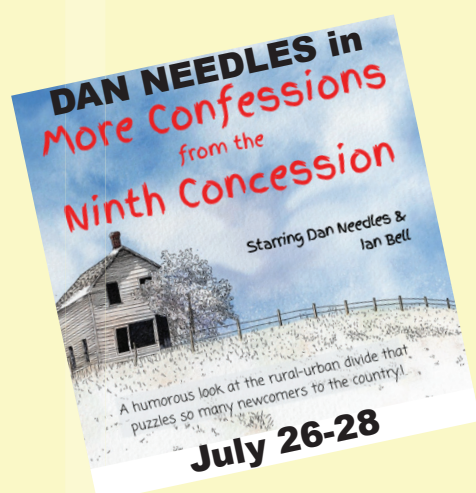
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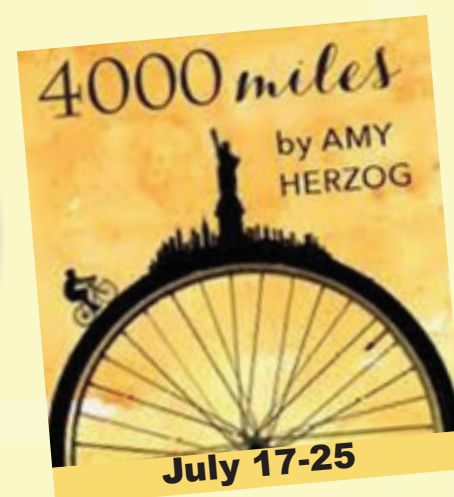
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Remain inside your vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off: event staff will unload your household hazardous waste for you.
Make your household hazardous waste easily accessible: keep it separate from other wastes or items in your vehicle.
Assess your health before attending: if you are feeling sick, do not attend.

Attending an event outside your regular municipality? Only your household hazardous waste will be accepted (no other wastes).
Events at the S.G Nesbitt Arena can only accept household hazardous waste (no other wastes).

Date	Time	Location	Address
Saturday, May 20, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Tory Hill Landfill	19178 Hwy 118, Tory Hill
Saturday, June 3, 2023	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, June 10, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Maple Lake Landfill	1302 McPhail Rd, Algonquin Highlands
Saturday, July 15, 2023	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Haliburton Landfill	222 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton
Saturday, July 22, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Glamorgan Transfer Station	1042 McColl's Road, Gooderham
Saturday, August 5, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Oxtongue Lake Landfill	3401 Hwy 60, Oxtongue
Saturday, August 26, 2023	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, August 26, 2023	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Harcourt Landfill	1123 Packard Road, Harcourt
Saturday, September 16, 2023	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	West Guilford Landfill	11903 Hwy 118, West Guilford
Saturday, September 23, 2023	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, September 23, 2023	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Dorset Transfer Station	1087 Maple Ridge Drive, Dorset
Saturday, October 7, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Tory Hill Landfill	19178 Hwy 118, Tory Hill
Saturday, October 14, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Maple Lake Landfill	1302 McPhail Road, Algonquin Highlands

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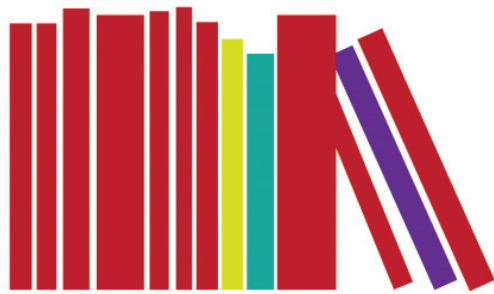
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Seed Libraries

Haliburton County Public Library



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Now is a great time to start seedlings, and the library is here to help.

HCPL is a source for free, local, open-pollinated, pesticide-free seeds. Our Seed Library is turning 10 this year! It was formed in 2013 in partnership with Haliburton in Transition (HINT) and Harvest Haliburton, and it's still going strong. You can take seeds for personal use, grow plants, and hopefully allow a plant or two to go to seed at the end of the season so that those seeds can be returned to the library to continue the cycle. Our Seed Libraries are located within the Dysart, Minden Hills,

Stanhope, and Wilberforce library branches. The amount and types of seeds available are subject to supply (donations) and demand, and sometimes we run out. We ask community members who are dropping off seeds to please try to include the name and cultivar of the seed, what township it was grown in, and how many years it has been grown locally.

Seed library initiatives take place in hundreds of libraries across the country, often year round. The purpose of the seed library is to provide a service to the public which preserves plant varieties through the growing and sharing of seeds. It's also a great topic for all-ages learning about biol-

ogy, food production, and... patience as you develop your green thumb. Fortunately, there is a lot of local help available, and the library is a meeting place for sharing ideas and solving challenges you might encounter if it's your first time growing. We have nearly 200 books and several hundred digital magazines in our collection devoted to indoor and outdoor gardening to help you whether you're new to the idea or still learning. This year we're hosting the Haliburton County Master Gardeners for some upcoming presentations. Maureen Moore is coming to the Dysart and Minden branches to run a series of workshops from May to October. These sessions will be 90 minutes long and cover tips for growing nightshades, and how to preserve your garden bounty by canning, pickling, drying or freezing. An October workshop will cover simple soil science and give you pointers on how to improve the health of your soil for next year. Of course, these are all free to attend. Be on the

lookout for other seed and gardening programming throughout the spring and summer. We're going to be doing some "pop-up" seed library programs this season. You'll want to check out

the Programs & Events page on our website at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca to stay informed.

On the 10th anniversary of our Seed Libraries, and to launch into spring in a meaningful way, a special event recently happened at each of our branches. We ran a bookmark design contest through April and kids, teens, and adults were invited to submit original artwork to help us promote our Seed Libraries. A design from each age category has been printed and will be distributed at all library branches starting in May. The winning artwork was chosen by library staff across our organization and the winners were:

Leah A. (children's entry)

Laura W. (teen entry)

Hollis W. (adult entry)

Congratulations to these contest winners. We're so impressed by the results and the other entries received, which made choosing this year difficult! In other good news, the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library agreed to pay the printing costs for these three bookmark designs and we're grateful for their help with this exciting initiative. Please ask your local branch staff for a bookmark or two this

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August 27th | 2:00-4:45pm | NLPAP, Haliburton

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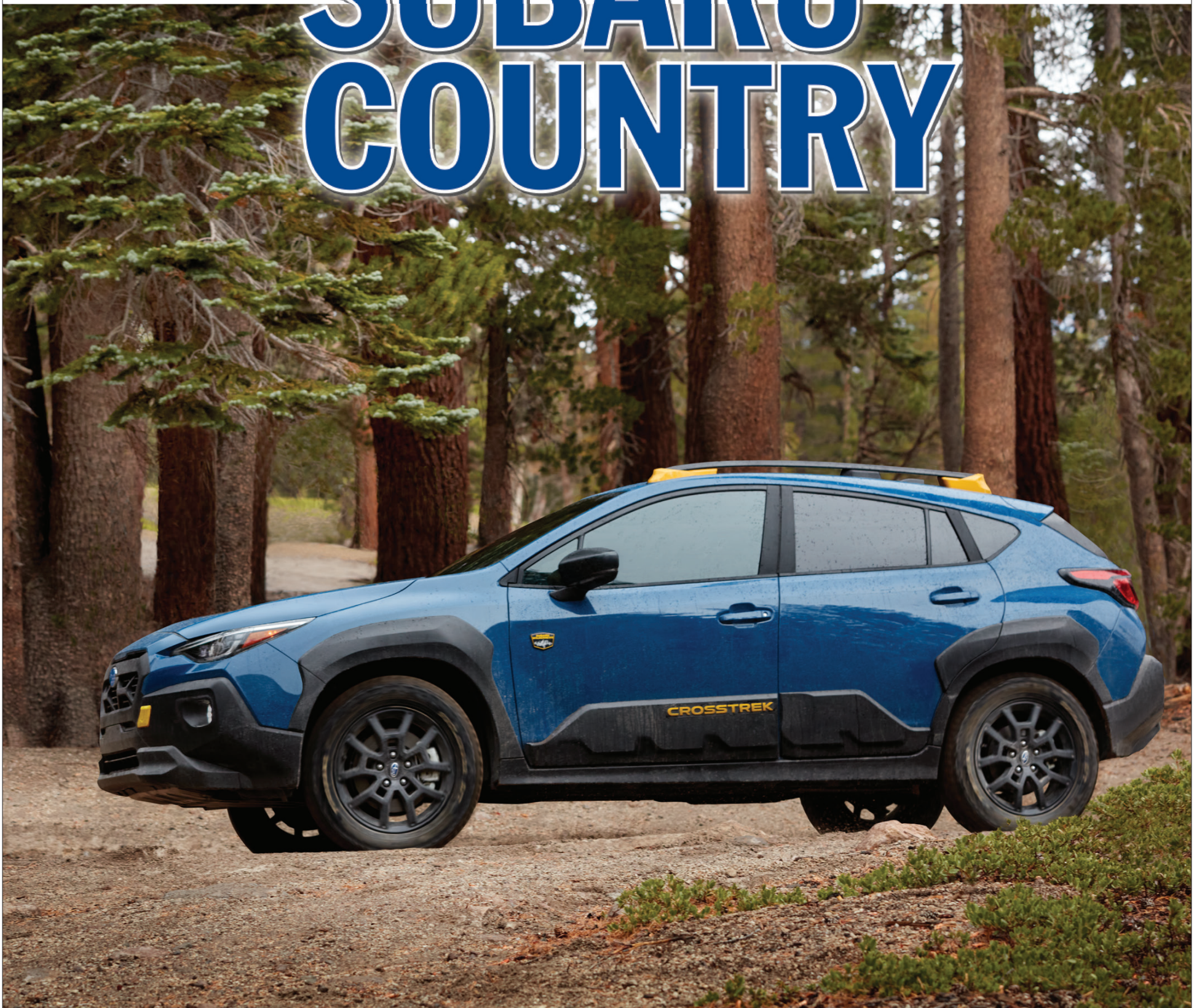
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Property Owners
Keep using your Dysart 2021-2023 fluorescent green/yellow Landfill Identification User Card until you receive your new card in the mail.

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A young button buck loses his winter coat. /Submitted by Tammy Nash



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A loon swims in calm water on Kashagawigamog Lake. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are \$1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rc1129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
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Branch 636 Minden

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May 18: Open 2 to 6 p.m.
May 19: Wing night & Jam session
May 20: Lou Moody Rainbow Trout fish derby. Tickets \$20/fish. Register by May 19 at the legion only. Meat draw 3 p.m.
May 21 - 23: Closed
Upcoming events
June 10: Horseshoe Tournament Register 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Play starts 12:30 p.m.
June 23-25: Save the date 50th Anniversary for Branch 624
If you are planning a function for social or other event providing our guidelines/conditions are met, please feel free to contact us at 705-448-2221.



A chipmunk stands among sprouting plants. /Submitted by Tammy Nash



A Red-winged blackbird picks through food. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

Community Events

Send your event listing to
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Artist Call for Vendors: Kash Art on the Water

When: Deadline is May 31

Where: www.lko.ca

The Lake Kashagawigamog Organization is welcoming fine artisans/makers to join our 3rd Annual Kash Art on the Water event. Complete the Artist Registration Form using the link provided below. Deadline to register to be included in print promotions is May 31. Beyond this date, exhibitors will be included in online promotions only. Registration is \$50 per artisan and can be made directly at www.lko.ca or by contacting Lesley Sims – Cell: 416-566-9464

Cook with Confidence!

When: May 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

For a \$5 fee you will learn how to make a new dish and get to bring a plate home or eat for dinner after making it! Please RSVP to events@sirch.on.ca or call the office for more info.

Walk for Dog Guides Fundraiser

When: Saturday May 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Haliburton PetValu

Come join the Haliburton & District Lions Club for their walk for dog guides fundraiser. Check out the yard sale, a selection of plants, books and baked goods. Remember to bring your pop tabs for puppies! Registration at 11:30 a.m., walk begins at noon. For pledge forms or for more information visit [PetValu Haliburton](http://PetValuHaliburton.com), call 705-448-1128 or visit haliburtonlions.com.

Spring Book Nook Sale

When: Saturday May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Minden Hills Public Library

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a Spring Book Nook Sale in the Fireplace area. A variety of gently read books: thrillers, mysteries, romance, biographies, children and youth selections, Canadian Authors, fiction, cookbooks, gardening, science fiction/fantasy, sports, spiritual and other non-fiction books. Payment is by donation. All money raised by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library supports Library enhancements and programmes for all Libraries in Haliburton County.

B&B Blues Band; Rockin' Blues

When: Saturday, May 20, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall

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Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

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Bowl for Kids Sake

When: May 27, 1 p.m.

Where: Fast Lanes Bowling Alley, Minden

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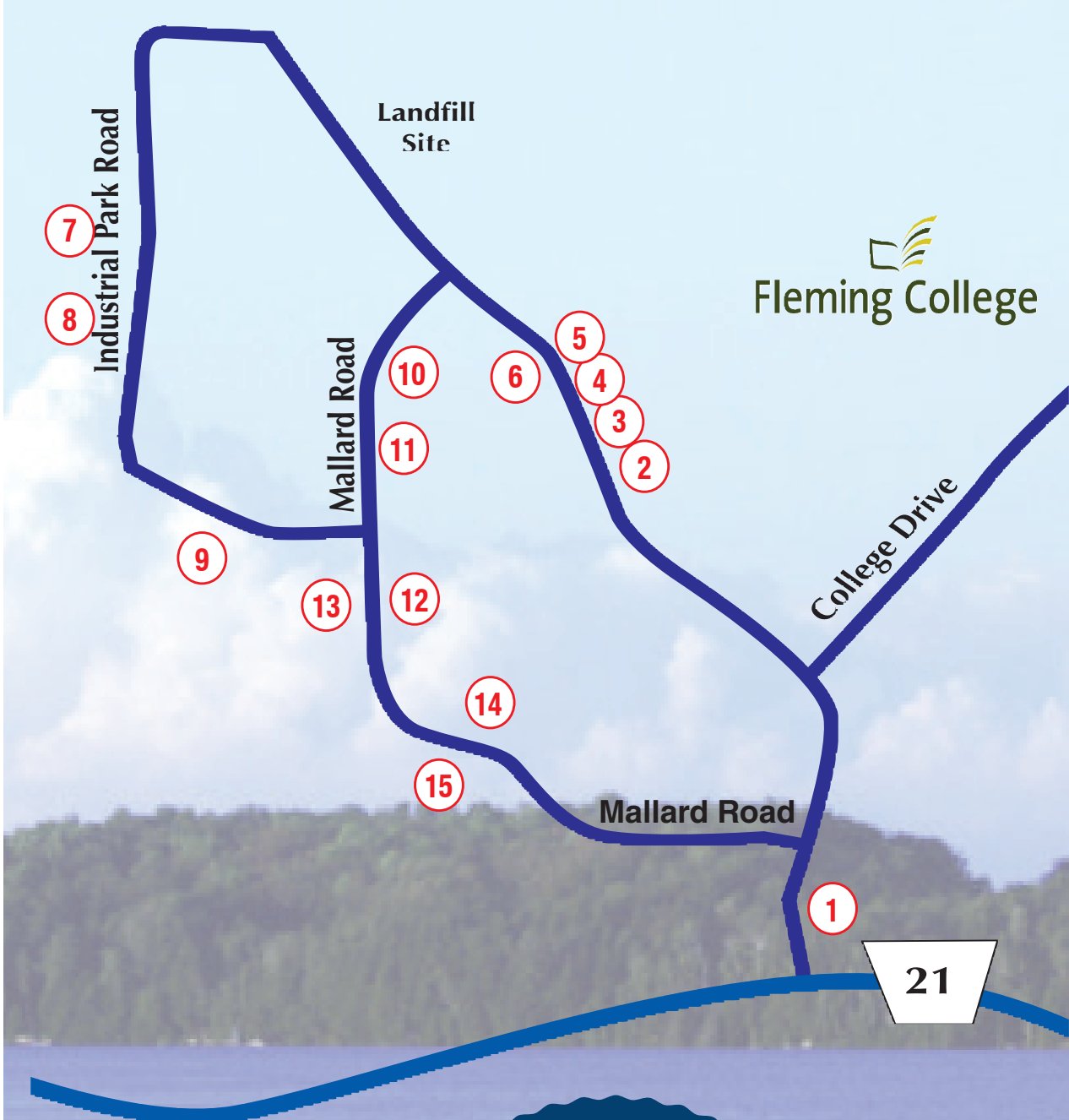


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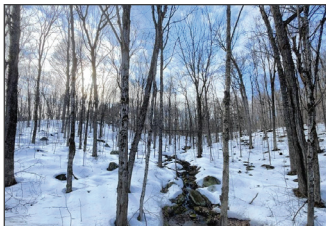
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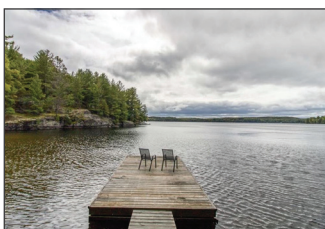
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\$325,000



NEW LISTING

1X BED

1X DEN

GREAT LOCATION

1 X BATH

MLS# 40416718

KAWAGAMA LAKE
\$279,000



SOUTH EXPOSURE

WATER ACCESS ONLY

102 FT. FRONTAGE

0.59 ACRES

MLS# 40414040

TORY HILL
\$168,000



3.65 ACRES

311 FT. FRONTAGE

MUNICIPAL RD.

MLS# 40408296

LAKEVIEW STREET
\$159,900



PRIME LOCATION

1.47 ACRES

UNDERGROUND HYDRO

MUNICIPAL YEAR-ROUND RD.

MLS# 40364799

SOUTH ROAD
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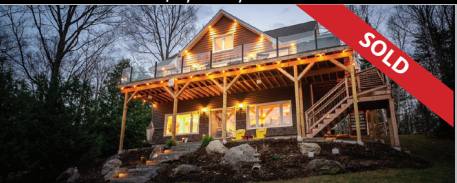
GREAT LOCATION SKI HILL NEARBY

2.48 ACRES

OFF-GRID

MLS# 40417372

GRASS LAKE
\$1,595,000



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3 X BED

0.45 ACRES

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120 FT. FRONTAGE

MLS# 40400244

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SOLD

3 X BED

1 X BATH

SOUTHWEST EXPOSURE

200 FT. FRONTAGE

MLS# 40408339

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
\$2,999,999



SOLD

3 X BED

5+ ACRES

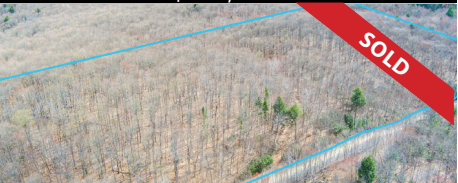
620 FT. FRONTAGE

2 X BATH

PRIME LOCATION

MLS# 40386216

HUMMINGBIRD RD
\$175,000



SOLD

51 ACRES

PRIVATE

MLS# 40408248

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\$238,000



SOLD

0.531 ACRES

164 FT. FRONTAGE RIVERFRONT

MUNICIPAL RD.

HYDRO

MLS# 40386225

PARK STREET
\$499,000



SOLD

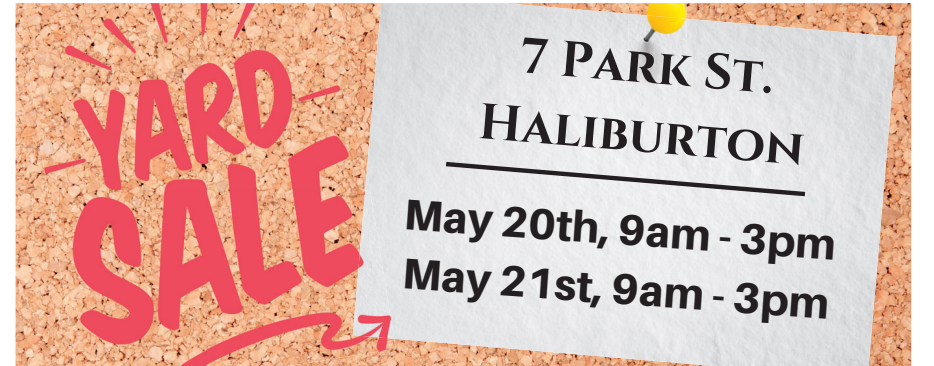
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2 X BATH

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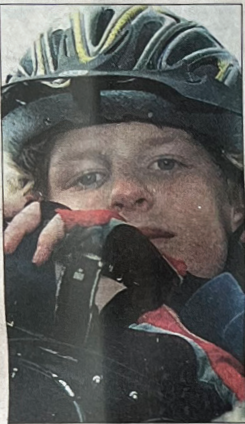
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Born to bike

One day expect to see Minden's Kyle Fry representing Canada in the world mountain bike championships

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Pilot honoured

Clem Reng basks in a nation's praise for his heroics in World War II

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In Quotes

"It's unreasonable to expect that there will be no cases this summer."

Dr. Hukowich, page 5



LEN PIZZEY/TIMES

Lions pride

Minden's main street burst with colour on Saturday when Lions from across the district started their weekend convention with a parade. It was the Minden club's turn to host the festivities. For more photos see page 14.

Assessment up,
tax rate down
in Minden Hills

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Taxes are going to be higher in Minden Hills thanks to a 14.7 per cent increase in assessment values but the blow will be cushioned by a 2.3 per cent decrease in the general municipal residential tax rate and a 10 per cent decrease in the education tax rate.

The total tax rate then, including the county portion, will 4.4 per cent lower than last year's, which will still give the municipality \$632,364 more revenue in taxation. The total budget is \$11 million.

Reeve Ross Rigney says his goal was to continue to "grow the budget" while still giving a tax

see LAST YEAR'S page 2

John Latimer obituary

Hail to
the Chief

by ERIN TENNANT
Times Staff

John Robert Latimer, a.k.a. "Chief", the loving spirit behind Minden's Kilcoo Camp and long-time campaigner for youth education, died of cancer on Tuesday at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital. He was 72.

He had been afflicted with the illness for three months.

Minden council held one minute's silence in his memory and passed a motion of condolence to Latimer's family on Thursday.

Born in 1930 to civil servant Larry Latimer and wife Zetta, John grew up in Toronto.

John's fondness and zeal for youth programs led him to belong to a string of camping associations and youth charities. His credits

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